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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN GUINEA

REF: USUN 4261 (NOTAL)

1. BOTH MR. MOCTAR OF THE OULG AND ILHR HAVE CONTACTED
DEPARTMENT CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUINEA. MISSION
SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION IN CONTACTS WITH OULG. WHILE
DEPARTMENT IS ALWAYS PREPARED TO HEAR COMMENTS ON HUMAN
RIGHTS FROM NON-GOVERNMENT GROUPS WE AVOID FORMAL OR
REGULAR RELATIONSHIPS WITH POLITICAL OPPOSITION GROUPS.
DEPARTMENT HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN OR COMMENTED ON ILHR'S
REPORT ON GUINEA WHICH IS PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED UNDER
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PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES OF THE UN.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN GUINEA ARE BEING GIVEN
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY DEPARTMENT. USUN SHOULD REPORT
FULLY ON CONTACTS BY ILHR AND OTHERS REGARDING GUINEA.

3. OUR RELATIONS WITH GUINEA ARE LIMITED BUT HAVE

IMPROVED FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF THE GUINEAN PRIME MINISTER
IN JUNE. DEPLOYMENTS OF SOVIET TU-95 AIRCRAFT FROM
CONAKRY, WHICH WERE DIRECTED AT U.S. AND NATO FLEET
MOVEMENTS, HAVE NOT OCCURRED SINCE PRESIDENT TOURE ASSURED
US IN AUGUST THAT HE HAD TERMINATED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
SOVIETS ALLOWING THESE FLIGHTS. AS USUN AWARE, GOG
HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO VISIT BY ICRC TO LOOK INTO
POLITICAL PRISONER SITUATION. OUR SIGNIFICANT RECENT
ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA IS LIMITED TO AID FUNDED AGRICULTU-
RAL PRODUCTION PROJECT (ABOUT \$7 MILLION) WHICH IS
SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN SEVERAL YEARS, AND ANNUAL
PL-480 TITLE I FOOD SALES. INITIAL FY '78 PL-480 TITLE
I PLANNING LEVEL HAS BEEN SET AT \$5.5 MILLION. CONSIDERA-
TION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS WOULD DEPEND ON HUMAN RIGHTS
DEVELOPMENTS, CONTINUED TERMINATION OF SOVIET FLIGHTS,
GUINEA'S NEEDS, AVAILABLE FUNDS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.
GUINEA HAS REQUESTED PATROL BOATS IN CONNECTION WITH
TERMINATION OF THE SOVIET FLIGHTS. WE ASKED THE GOG TO
CLARIFY ITS REQUEST, NOTING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS AND ARMS
TRANSFER RESTRAINT CONSIDERATIONS POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS
FOR EVEN COMMERCIAL SALE. PRIMARY U.S. ECONOMIC
INTEREST IS BAUXITE MINING OPERATIONS IN WHICH TWO U.S.
FIRMS PARTICIPATE. ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF U.S. BAUXITE
IMPORTS CAME FROM GUINEA IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1977. VANCE

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